

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 16 and 18-22, and cancel claim 17, as follows:

1. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising a tandem repeat of apoE141-149 of SEQ ID No 2 or a truncation thereof, characterised in that at least one Leucine (L) residue of SEQ ID No. 2 is replaced by an amino acid with a side chain comprising at least 4 carbon atoms and at least one Nitrogen atom.
2. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 wherein the amino acid used to replace the Leucine is selected from the group consisting of Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R), ~~or~~ Lysine (K) and ~~or~~ derivatives thereof.
3. (Original) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 2 wherein the amino acid used to replace the Leucine is Tryptophan (W) or a derivative thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ wherein at least two W, R or K substitutions are made.
5. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ wherein at least one further amino acid is replaced with Asparagine (N), Tyrosine (Y), Cysteine (C), Methionine (M), Phenylalanine (F), Isoleucine (I), Glutamine (Q), or Histidine (H) or is deleted.
6. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ with the amino acid sequence:
WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 3); WRKWRKRWRKWRKR (SEQ ID No. 4); WRKWRKRWWLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID No. 5); YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (SEQ ID No. 6); WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 52);
WRKWRKRWRKWRKRW (SEQ ID No. 53); WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 54); WRKWRKRWFFRKWRKRFF (SEQ ID No. 55);

WRKCRKRCWWRKCRKRCW (SEQ ID No. 56); LRKLRKRLLRKWRKRWW
 (SEQ ID No. 57); LRKLRKRLLLRKLRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 58);
 LRKLRKRLLRKWRKRLL (SEQ ID No. 59); WRKWRKRLLLRKLRKRL (SEQ
 ID No. 60); WRKLRKRLLLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID No. 61);
 WRKWRKFFFRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 62); WRKWRKRWWFRKFRKRFF (SEQ
 ID No. 63); RKRRKRRRRRKRRKRR (SEQ ID No. 64) ; or
 KRKKRKRKKKRKKRKRKK (SEQ ID No. 65)

7. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ wherein an amino acid is added to the peptide.
8. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim ~~7~~8 wherein the amino acid is added to the N terminal, C terminal and/or between the ninth ~~9th~~ and tenth ~~10th~~ amino acids of SEQ ID No.2
9. (Original) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 8 comprising WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 66).
10. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ which is a peptoid analogue.
11. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ which is a peptide/peptoid hybrid.
12. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising YRK YRK R Y Y Y R K Y R K R Y Y (SEQ ID No. 6)
13. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLLLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 7).

14. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLRKLRKR (SEQ ID No. 8).
15. (Original) A polypeptide, derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKLRKLRKLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 9).
16. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising the polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim for use as a medicament~~.
- Claim 17 (Canceled).
18. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of an~~ An agent adapted to increase ~~capable of increasing~~ the biological activity of the a polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1–15 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating viral infections~~.
19. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~.
20. (Currently Amended) A nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide, derivative or analogue according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1–15~~.
21. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20 ~~for use as a medicament~~.
22. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20 ~~or 21~~.